

REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 2-8, 42, 43 and 53-60 are allowed.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 63-67 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 63 and 65 should now be allowed, as claims 63 and 65 have rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Without acquiescing to the rejection, applicants have canceled claims 61 and 62.

Conclusion

For at least the reasons stated above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and objections, and to allow the present application.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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